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The Security Council,

Recalling all its resolutions and presidential statements concerning the situation in the Sudan,

Recalling also its previous resolutions 1674 (2006) on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, which reaffirms, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the United Nations World Summit outcome document, 1612 (2005) on children in armed conflict, 1502 (2003) on the protection of humanitarian and United Nations personnel, 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security,

Reaffirming its commitment to the sovereignty, unity, independence, and territorial integrity of the Sudan and to the cause of peace,

Commending the work of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) in support of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), commending the continued commitment by troop-contributing countries in support of this mission, and also commending UNMIS's efforts in assisting in the transition of the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) to the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID),

Recognizing that successful implementation of the CPA is essential to resolution of the crisis in Darfur and to sustainable peace and stability in the region; and condemning acts of violence perpetrated by all sides,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on Sudan dated 22 April 2008, including his recommendations and taking note of the report on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/2007/520) dated 29 August 2007 and recalling the conclusions endorsed by the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict in the Sudan (S/AC.51/2008/7),

Welcoming the appointment of Derek Plumbly as the new chairman of the Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC),

Recalling the commitment of the international community to support the CPA process, including through development aid, and urging donors to support implementation of the CPA a..d to honour all pledges to this end,

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Recalling the need for UNMIS to make full use of its current mandate and capabilities with regard to the activities of militias and armed groups such as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Sudan, as stated in resolution 1663,

Welcoming the mediation efforts of the Government of South Sudan to bring an end to the 22-year conflict between the LRA and the Government of Uganda, and urging the parties to reach a resolution,

Welcoming the start of the national census on 22 April 2008 as a significant milestone in the implementation of the CPA; urging the continued support of a fair and inclusive census and acceptance of the results by all the parties,

Determining that the situation in the Sudan continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of UNMIS until 30 April 2009, with the intention to renew it for further periods;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the implementation of the mandate of UNMIS, progress on implementation of the CPA, and respect for the ceasefire, and to provide an assessment and recommendations on measures UNMIS might take to further support elections, and to advance the peace process;

3. *Stresses* the importance of full and expeditious implementation of all elements of the CPA, the Darfur Peace Agreement, and the October 2006 Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement and calls for all the parties to respect their commitments to these agreements without delay;

4. *Welcomes* the parties sustained commitment to work together in the Government of National Unity (GNU) and urges the cooperation of the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement (SPLM) in carrying out their responsibilities to further implement the CPA;

5. *Stresses* the critical role of the AEC in overseeing and reporting on implementation of the CPA and calls for strengthening of the Commission's autonomy and urges all parties to cooperate fully with the AEC and to implement its recommendations;

6. *Calls* for all parties to cooperate with full unrestricted UNMIS monitoring and verification in the Abyei region, without prejudice to the final agreement on the actual borders between the two sides, and urges UNMIS to consult with the parties, and to deploy, as appropriate, personnel to the Abyei region, including areas of Kordofan;

7. *Calls upon* the parties to address and find a mutually agreeable solution to the Abyei issue; and further urges all parties to redeploy their forces away from the disputed 1 January 1956 border and fully establish an interim administration in Abyei in accordance with the CPA;

8. *Requests* UNMIS, acting within its current mandate and within its current means and capabilities, to provide technical and logistical support, as requested, to help the parties in the process of demarcation of the 1956 North/South border, in accordance with the CPA;

9. *Stresses* the important role of the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) for the full implementation of the CPA; and urges donors to offer support, both materiel and training, coordinated by UNMIS in consultation with the Joint Defense Board, to enable the full establishment and operational effectiveness of JIUs as soon as possible;

10. *Welcomes* the adoption of the National Strategic Plan for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR), encourages the parties to agree swiftly on a date to launch its implementation, takes note of the Secretary-General's proposed benchmarks in this regard and urges UNMIS consistent with its mandate, to assist in voluntary disarmament and weapons collection and destruction efforts in implementation of plans under the CPA for DDR;

11. *Requests* UNMIS, consistent with its mandate and in coordination with the relevant parties and taking into account the need to pay particular attention to the protection, release and reintegration of all children associated to armed forces and armed groups, to increase its support for the National DDR Coordination Council and the Northern and Southern DDR Commissions;

12. *Further urges* donors to respond to calls for assistance from the joint United Nations DDR Unit;

13. *Encourages* UNMIS, consistent with its mandate, and within authorized levels of civilian police to continue efforts to assist the parties to the CPA in promoting the rule of law and in restructuring the police and corrections services in Sudan, including in South Sudan, and to assist in the training of civilian police and corrections officers;

14. *Urges* the GNU to complete the conduct of an inclusive, national census and to prepare expeditiously for the conduct of free and fair elections in all of the Sudan;

15. *Urges* UNMIS, consistent with its mandate, to begin immediate preparations to support the conduct of national elections, including support for the development of a national strategy for the conduct of elections with close collaboration with UNDP and the parties to the CPA, and urges further the international community to provide technical and material assistance for electoral preparations;

16. *Encourages* UNMIS, consistent with its mandate, to assist the parties to the CPA in addressing the need for a national inclusive approach towards reconciliation and peacebuilding, emphasizing in particular the role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, as recognized in resolution 1325, and of civil society, and to take this need into account in implementing all aspects of its mandate;

17. *Calls upon* the parties to the CPA and the communiqué, signed between the United Nations and the GNU in Khartoum on 28 March 2007 to support, protect, and facilitate all humanitarian operations and personnel in the Sudan;

18. *Welcomes* the continuing organized returns of internally displaced persons from Khartoum to Southern Kordofan and Southern Sudan and that of refugees from countries of asylum to Southern Sudan and encourages the promotion of efforts, including the provision of necessary resources to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and implementing partners, to ensure that

such returns are voluntary and sustainable, and further requests UNMIS, within its capabilities and areas of deployment, to coordinate with partners to facilitate sustainable returns, including by helping to establish the necessary security conditions;

19. *Expresses* concern at the persistence of localized conflict and violence, especially in the border area, mostly affecting civilians and with the potential for escalation; urges in this regard full cooperation of the NCP and the SPLM in carrying out the obligations of the GNU for the protection of civilians in armed conflict, in accordance with resolution 1674; and supports UNMIS's intent to strengthen its conflict management capacity by developing and executing an integrated strategy to support local conflict resolution mechanisms, in order to maximize protection of civilians;

20. *Notes* that conflict in one area of Sudan affects conflict in other areas in Sudan and in the region, and therefore urges UNMIS to coordinate closely with UNAMID, the AU-UN Joint Mediation Support Team and other stakeholders, to ensure complementary implementation of these bodies' mandates in support of the implementation of the CPA and of the overall objective of peace in Sudan;

21. *Further requests* UNMIS to coordinate with humanitarian, recovery and development agencies, within its capabilities and areas of deployment, to facilitate the provision of recovery and development assistance, which is essential to deliver a peace dividend to the people of Sudan;

22. *Calls upon* the GNU to cooperate fully with all the United Nations operations within its territory in the implementation of their mandates;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the Council's consideration a report on possible measures UNMIS could take to assist, with the implementation of a future Final Peace Agreement between the Government of Uganda and the LRA;

24. *Reiterates* its concern over the restrictions and all impediments placed on the movements of UNMIS personnel and materiel in Sudan, and the adverse impact such restrictions and impediments have on UNMIS's ability to perform its mandate effectively and on the ability of the humanitarian community to reach affected persons; and calls in this regard for all parties to cooperate fully with UNMIS and to facilitate the performance of its mandate, and to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance in UNMIS with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and urges troop-contributing countries to take appropriate preventive action including predeployment awareness training, and other action to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

26. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.